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For the first time in history the Baptist clans of Mississippi meet in the Southeastern section of the State, in the hustling town of Hattiesburg, which has sprung up almost as by magic. As one walks her streets and looks upon her splendid homes, magnificent stores and splendid places of business, he can see what will be in many other parts of this same country, when the new hand of development has had time to do its work there as here. And best of all this is a Baptist country, and the prettiest church house in all this section is the elegant one in which we are now assembling.

Among distinguished visitors are Drs. Eaton, editor of The Western Recorder; J. H. Gambrell, editor of The Baptist Standard; H. E. Cleaton, of The Baptist Argus; Harvey Hatcher, of The Atlanta Branch of The American Baptist Publication Society; C. E. Smith, missionary to Africa; I. J. Van Ness, of The Baptist Sunday-school Board, Nashville, Tenn.; John H. and George B. Eager, of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and our own B. D. Gray of the Home Mission Board.

Promptly at 10 o'clock President Sproles' gavel falls gently calling the Convention to order. A. J. Miller of Columbus, leads the devotional exercises announcing "How Firm A Foundation," which is sung with much spirit and devotion. In his opening remarks the leader says: "We have the people, we have the organization and now what we need most is the Holy Spirit, and to this end, Dr. W. T. Lowrey will lead us in prayer"—and he carries the Convention with all its interest right into the presence of God to await the divine blessing.

The Old Songs.

"We are to use the old songs during this Convention so let us all sing," announces Bro. Miller, and "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" is brought into service, after which Bro. Lomax so talks to God as to bring tears to many eyes, as his words fall like benedictions from all the past upon our ears—it is surely an inspiration to nobler service to hear him pray. "Come Thou Fount" is sung and the Scriptures in the 5th chapter of Thessalonians, beginning with the 4th verse are read so as to bring out the sense, by Bro. Miller. Dr. Bomar closes the devotional hour in fer-

vent prayer.

The president says that the Convention is now ready for business, and announces the Committee on

Enrollment

to be Judge, D. M. Miller; Chairman, S. R. Whitten, J. L. Low and J. E. Byrd. While the Committee is doing its work,

The New Men

recently came among us are called to the front and introduced—W. J. Mahoney, Calvary, Vicksburg; E. W. Barrett, Brooksville; W. E. Lusk, Indianola; W. F. Jordan, Amory; E. J. Smoot, Okolona; E. F. Lyon, Natchez and T. A. Moore, Durant. These are all good looking young fellows, occupy important fields and are doing a good work for the Lord.

Distinguished Visitors

are likewise called out and make felicitous remarks about their coming into our midst. The Convention gives them most cordial greeting.

"A White African."

Brother Rosamond announces that C. E. Smith, wife and little daughter, Missionaries, to Africa, are present and that they be requested to come to the platform. While they are coming the Convention rises and stands until they leave the platform. Some one asks if the little one was born in Africa and when her parents say "yes," Brother Lomax says "A White African—wish they were all white."

Ray to Persia.

Brother J. F. Ray, one of our own Mississippi boys, under appointment of the Foreign Mission Board to far away Persia as a missionary, comes to the platform and says a few words and—as he is about to leave the platform Dr. Sproles whispers something to him. He turns red in the face but says nothing, which being interpreted means to the knowing ones that he has found a helpmeet to go along with him.

Brother Farish

arises and says that, if the "strangers" have all been heard from, he would like to say a word, and when the brethren say "go on," he goes on, until the president tells him that we did not have time for any more. He says we ought never to tell a man that he is old—if he can count, add and subtract, he knows that; never tell a

man that he is ugly, for if he will only look into the glass, he will find that out; never tell a man he looks sick, for if three or four of you tell him that in succession, he will go home and get in the bed and send for a doctor; never call a man "Rev."—that is Ro.nish and should never be used by a Baptist; never take a paper outside of your own State until you have taken THE BAPTIST, which ought to be in every home, and then after that, if you take another paper, take the Western Recorder, as it is run by the ancient landmarks.

Welcome Address.

Pastor Trotter requests that the Convention hear some words of welcome from Capt. W. H. Hardy, who does it most eloquently. In 1880 the ground on which our beautiful city of 7,000 people now is situated was public land, owned by the U. S. government, and could be bought for \$1.25 per acre. There were no railroads then, now they radiate in every direction, and the State Mission Board never did wiser than when they started their work in these regions twenty years ago, and the glorious achievements of the present is but a sure prophecy of what we in all this section shall be in the near future. There are people here who never heard of a Baptist State Convention, or who have any conception of what you are here for. If I had arms long enough, in behalf of all our people of whatsoever name, I would reach out and take you into my arms. Our doors are wide open, and you are welcome, thrice welcome.

Dr. Lowrey responds to these graceful words by telling us how to behave ourselves while we are in the homes of the people—the people of Hattiesburg not being present, but at home preparing dinner for us, is his reason for addressing himself to the delegates. He also tells us the next time we go to a convention, to be sure and write to our host or hostess, telling when we will arrive; and, if we have not time to write, then send a telegram, which of course is good advice to those who need it.

The enrollment committee makes a partial report. President Sproles requests the committee to strike out all titles of "Dr." from the report. Good!

The Convention takes recess until 2 o'clock.

President Sproles calls to order promptly.

ly at 2 p. m. and "Blessed Be the Tie" is sung rather lazily, as compared with the morning singing, and Pastor Smoot, of Okolona, leads in earnest prayer. While the belated brethren are coming in, "I Need Thee" is sung, when the president reads some verses of Scripture, and Missionary C. E. Smith leads in prayer.

Election of Officers.

The first thing in order is the election of officers. Brethren Lyon, Jordan and McMillin are appointed tellers, and after consuming about one hour of valuable time, which could have been saved, by the prevailing of a motion that the secretary cast the ballot of the Convention, they report.

The Convention spends the time in singing such songs as "O, for a closer walk with God," and "Amazing Grace." By request Brother C. E. Smith from Africa speaks about his work. When he first went out, his letters home betrayed discouragement, but now he is as optimistic as he was then "blue." In Africa "the people are not tumbling over each other," any more than they are elsewhere, to hear the gospel. We still have to "go out and compel the people" to hear the gospel. Last year there were 186 baptisms, which are on the increase from year to year. The loss from discipline is only three or four per cent. The special need is for a more thorough equipment for our training school for the natives, as the work can best be carried on by the natives. As to the hope of evangelizing Africa through the American negro so much indulged by our people, the fact up to date is, that every negro that has been sent out, has been a failure—yes sir, has been a failure. The only American negro that is worth sending out, is the negro who is, in every sense of the word—morally, mentally, and physically—equal to the white men whom you send out. Judge Miller who is in the chair, asks: "Why is it that the important negro fails?" "That is a hard question, but the answer is, their morals." Have they any intelligence, can they be educated, or do they ape, as they do here?" asks another brother. "There is no one to ape; they can be educated and receive all the intelligence we are able to impart to them." Bro. L. M. Stone, a native, is the most popular preacher in our section of Africa, his house, holding 600 people, is crowded every Sunday night. His church is self-supporting and have a house of their own building, that cost them \$9,000. We need five new men right now, three of them to be married. At this juncture the tellers announce the result of the election, as follows: H. F. Sproles, president; A. E. Jennings and W. T. Lowrey, vice-presidents; J. L. Hemby, recording secretary; W. P. Price, corresponding secretary; S. G. Cooper, statistical secretary; L. P. Brown, treasurer. Dr. Lowrey moves and the Convention so votes that the report on Mississippi College, Ministerial Education, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, all be consolidated under the report on "Christian Education." The

Sunday-school and B. Y. P. U. Committee are likewise consolidated, and a new Committee on "Items of Special Interest" is added.

Report of Convention Board.

It is the 19th annual report and throbs in its every sentence with the inspiration that comes from the success of an attempt to do larger things for our glorious Lord. The progress in Home and Foreign Missions, as given in our report of the Southern Baptist Convention of a year ago is set forth.

Progress in Foreign Mission, in the last five years, is seen in these figures.

\$ 7,635 61
9,039 15
9,031 72
9,032 72
16,105 45
18,811 89

The progress in Home Missions is seen in these figures for the last five years:

\$4,625 54
4,465 19
5,610 58
8,207 64

Progress in the Sunday-school Board is seen from the fact that their receipts have gone up from \$4,000 the first year of its existence up to \$118,435.04 this year.

We are asked this year for \$23,500 for Foreign Missions and \$10,000 for Home Missions.

Marvelous progress has been made all along State Missionary lines. Seventeen churches, heretofore receiving help from the Board, have become self-supporting, while many others have been able to have their appropriation cut down. The Jackson Second Church stands at the head of the list, of mission churches, in her contributions to missions, and 4th in the list of all the churches in her contributions to State Missions.

For "Sustentation," the work of carrying for the old, worn-out preachers and their widows, the contributions have been nearly \$1,500, the largest in our history.

The Central Committee on Woman's Work report having raised \$11,717.39 during this year.

The report was one of the best ever submitted and was greeted at its close by many hearty amens. Bro. Farish likes the report except where it speaks of "parsonages"—call it "Pastors Home." Secretary Rowe says he will insert the word, Bro. Grace moves to insert "Pastorium," which is opposed in a very humorous speech by Dr. John L. Johnson, who suggests that it be called a "Pastors Lodging Place." Dr. Eaton says that the word "nest" might be used, Bro. Farish suggests that it might be called a "Baptist Out," inasmuch as the pastor is more "out" than in. Brother Borum suggests that we get back to the high tide where we were when the reading of the report closed, and that we stand and sing "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" and Dr. Burr offers special prayer of thanksgiving, for the work done.

Statistics.

S. G. Cooper reads his reports on statistics which shows 1308 churches; 108 959 members; 605 Sunday-schools with 31,290 scholars; 6,066 baptisms, value of church property \$1,038,700; missions \$37,980 85; other Benevolence \$26,404.13; Home Purposes, \$200,336.43.

After calling the usual committees the Convention adjourns with prayer by Bro. Grace.

Convention Sermon.

Notwithstanding the down-pour of rain, up almost until the hour of service, the house is packed with people and listens to some of the finest singing, led by the choir, that one ever hears in a Convention by a choir. They sang the old hymns and thrilled the great audience. A number of brethren lead in prayer.

Vice President Jennings is in the chair and announces that Dr. Van Ness will read the Scriptures, which he does, the preacher of the evening having selected the 13th of I Corinthians. I John 4th chapter, beginning with the 7th verse. The congregation stands and sings "Come Thou Fount," after which Rev. H. C. Rosamond preaches the Convention Sermon, taking his text from the 12th verse of the 15th chapter of John—"This is my commandment, that ye love one another."

1. What this commandment implies. We need to know that love is the one great need of the soul. To love one another is to become more Christ like as the years go by. If we love one another the world will know that we love God. Christianity is a religion of love. We have had this commandment from the beginning of the race, says the apostle John. To love one another is said by the Scriptures to be a debt we owe to all men—the only debt we do owe. The man whose heart is full of love is full of God, for God is love. It is not always easy to love the hot headed Peter and fiery James with whom we come in contact in every day life; but we can do it in spite of all their faults, which we do. We must love indeed, that is show our love by what we do and what we say.

This love must be seen and known of all the people. We must know it ourselves, must let the world know it, and do all this while we live. Better have a little little more of the flowers while we live. This love must be continual for Christ having loved us love us to the end.

2. What this love means for us today here in this earth. It is stronger than death and sweeter than all the things of this life. If we have this love of the text in our hearts, we can not see each others sins for love hides a multitude of sins; in deed Solomon says in one of his proverbs that it covers all sins.

3. Practical benefits of this love. John, grand old servant of God, the disciple of love, says that if we love, we know that we have passed from death unto life. Here is solid comfort, something of which we can get hold and keep. If we keep in touch with the earth we shall keep in

touch with heaven. Have the ground wire all right, and the trolley will run all right. Love will bring us closer to each other and closer to God. Again, love is of great practical value to the churches. It helps us, yes, compels us to go into all the world and preach the gospel. It brought Christ to earth, and sends us round the world with the torchlight of His truth.

4. The measure of this love—"As I have loved you"—is beyond our power to develop tonight. But if we could but get a faint idea of what God means by this love we would pour hundreds of thousands of dollars into the treasury of our Mission Boards instead of the thousands that we are now doing. This is poor outline of what many brethren are heard to say: *The best sermon we have had for years and years.*

Dr. Eaton leads in prayer and R. A. Cooper reads order of business for the balance of the Convention, which brings on much talk from several brethren and is adopted in part, and re-committed for further consideration by the Committee.

After announcements of Committees, the Convention adjourns until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

Devotional exercises are conducted by M. K. Thornton, the congregation singing, "I love to Tell the Story," Bro. VanLandingham leading in earnest, tender prayer: "We are Marching to Zion" is brought into service with great enthusiasm and power, our good Brother "Cam" Morris, leading the singing and urging that the last two verses be sung "a little faster." Dr. Bomar asks the prayers of the Convention for several missionaries who are sick, and for others who have lost their loved ones, who have fallen at the front. Bro. Hackett asks also that our Venable, Dr. Webb, who lingers on the brick, be included in the prayer. Other brethren suggested other names and Brother Lomax asks God's blessing upon all these afflicted servants of His. Brother Thornton reads a few verses from the 90th Psalm, and a number of brethren quote precious promises. Brother Lomax quotes what he wants his epitaph to be, if he has one: "My flesh and my heart faileth, but the Lord is my strength and portion forever." Dr. Hackett gives his life motto: "Trust in the Lord and do good and thou shalt dwell in the land and verily thou shalt be fed." Dr. John Eager says that this was his mother's motto, while that of his father was: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed of the truth."

President Sproles says we might continue these delightful services indefinitely, but the hour for business has arrived which will also be worshipful.

Secretary Hemby reads the journal of yesterday which is approved.

Christian Education.

Dr. Borum reads the report on Christian Education and Dr. Lowrey reads the re-

port, in this connection, of the trustees of Mississippi College and Ministerial Education, which shows that 333 students have been enrolled during the year, 33 of whom are ministerial students. There were 15 students from Mississippi in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. As to the matter of improvements at Mississippi College, the report recognizes the great need of improvements in the equipment of the College; but confesses to an inability to take the matter up for some two years yet, or until after the endowment now on, shall have been completed—alas! that such is the case.

Dr. Eaton arises to testify to the good work done at Blue Mountain Female College, as he had had occasion recently to visit it. He thinks it is far better to educate our young women, rather than our young men if we cannot educate both.

The Chairman of the Committee, Bro. Boram, next speaks to the report. He deplores the worldliness, in our homes and churches, and thinks the great correction of all these evils, in a large measure, lies in the influence for piety and industry, found in our schools. A school where the base-ball, dancing, card party, punch ball and frolicking spirit predominates, is not the place for our boys and girls to be educated.

Dr. Lowrey speaks to the report. There is one, and but one, College in Mississippi that belongs to us all, and that is Mississippi College. There are 100,000 of us in this co partnership of ownership, 95,000 of whom have not given on cent in all these years of my connection with it, for its improvement. There are 1308 churches in the State, 45 of which gave the \$45,000, received for eddowment, leaving 1263 churches whose members did not give one cent. There are pastors in the State whose salary is \$12,000 a year that did not give us a cent—some of whom are graduates of the College. What a shame! But some say, they did not help "because you did not come to our church." Now, I had only 36 months in which to make the campaign, and to have gone to all the churches, not leaving out one Sunday, would have taken 24 years and 52 weeks—26 years!

Dr. Venable moves an amendment to the report, appointing a committee of five to co-operate with the Board of Trustees of the College, to organize for the campaign, two years hence, looking to the raising of \$100,000 for the enlarged equipment of Mississippi College, which is voted with enthusiasm.

The Orphanage.

President Jennings reads the report of the trustees of the Orphanage, which shows the condition of the Orphanage to be in first rate shape. The recommendation for a public school in connection with the Orphanage, on or off the grounds, brings out the fireworks with great enthusiasm, everybody wants to speak, and many do speak, and in the general confusion and the hearty good humor that prevails, the chairman withdrew the report for the time being. Brother C. L. Lewis

reads the report on the Orphanage, which for the want of time is not discussed but passes over as the hour to adjourn for dinner arrives.

At 2 o'clock devotional exercises are conducted by Brother Osborne, several brethren leading in prayer and bearing testimony.

The special order coming on for consideration is the report on Woman's Work, State Missions and Church Building, Drs. Venable, Grace and Derrick reading the reports. As Dr. Venable comes to the platform President Sproles says: "We have an hour and fifteen minutes to discuss all these reports." Dr. Venable says, "Of course the other brethren don't care to make long speeches"—and all the people laugh.

He says the Bible makes frequent reference to the work of women in the churches, and the great surprise is that Baptists were so long, in these latter days, in recognizing their place in the work of the Redeemer's kingdom. There is no danger that they will run away with the church and its work, or do any fool thing. They have as much sense as we brethren have. Actually they have as much sense before breakfast as we men have during the whole day. Our pastors ought to preach on the work, inform their people and help the women to organize efficiently. These societies are not apart from the church but are part and parcel of it—they are the female part of the church, at work, in this specific way, for the general interest of the kingdom.

W. J. Derrick speaks enthusiastically to the State Missions report. He recounts the glorious work of the past in helping weak churches that are now strong, the strongest in the State. He deplores the fact that so many pastors and churches postpone their State Mission collection until not only the last quarter but the last month and the very last week to take them.

Chairman Grace speaks to the report on Church Building. It is perfectly natural for every brother to think his work the most important, and while my subject may not be the "most important," yet surely it must be close up to the front rank of the "most important" question before us. We not only want to "win souls," but we want to have a church house where the souls saved may meet for worship and instruction that they may grow thereby into the stature of a full grown soul in Christ Jesus. We do so much need in many places church houses where this work may be done. Two years ago we only gave \$189 to this work, this year we have given \$1,986.18, which is not much, but a great improvement. Let this matter be brought to the attention of the churches and pressed until we shall have money enough to help all the places that are struggling to build meeting houses.

By special request of the brethren, Pastor Derrick speaks of the situation at Yazoo City. He has received up to date \$2,100.25 in cash and good subscriptions.

The State Mission Board has authorized us to draw on them for \$6,000, the necessary amount to rebuild our house, turning over to them all the money now in hand and the subscriptions, and also that the pastor help raise the other \$4,000. By special vote he is authorized to take a collection now, which he does, securing from

Clinton church.....	\$150 00
Columbus church.....	100 00
Hattiesburg 1st Church.....	200 00
Hazlehurst 1st Church.....	150 00
Water Valley 1st Church.....	100 00
Grenada 1st Church.....	100 00
Utica and Edwards 1st Church.....	100 00
Flora and Brandon.....	100 00
Greenwood.....	100 00
Columbia.....	100 00
Laurel.....	100 00
T. P. Beckman's churches.....	100 00
J. E. Willis Churches.....	100 00
South Side Meridian & Stonewall.....	100 00

Smaller amounts are called out until \$6,240.35 is raised—which is sufficient to rebuild the church house, but not enough to replace the Pastors Home. The Convention rises and sings "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." Secretary Rowe leading in prayer of thanksgiving. Secretary Rowe announces that the State Mission Board comes up with all debts paid and a handsome balance in the treasury.

Publications.

The report on Publication is read by Bro. W. M. Burr. It commends the Home Field, Foreign Mission Journal, Orphanage Gem, Publications of the Sunday-school Board, Nashville, Tenn., for our schools; and especially THE BAPTIST our State organ. If all those who are in debt for subscriptions due for the past two years, would pay up all indebtedness of the paper could be paid, and the paper improved in every respect. The report urges pastors to put the matter of taking and paying for the paper before their people urging all the people to take it and pay for it. Bro. Burr says he wrote into the report all he wanted to say, and yields the time to Dr. Lowrey, who says he wants to have the ears of all the pastors, who are responsible for almost all the failures that occur in any department of our work. If all our pastors would do as Brother Lomax does, in a year, the paper would be out of debt, and have money to put into the permanent improvement and general make-up of the paper. How does Bro. Lomax do? Once every year, he writes to THE BAPTIST for a list of subscribers, collects what is due it, gets new subscriptions, and sends every cent of the money to the paper. What he does, all of us can do, can't we?

At this juncture B. D. Gray jumps up and says that he must speak; in order, or out of order, he must speak. "Around me here sit four deacons and they say that Lowrey is telling the truth on the preacher's But what about you two thousand laymen, who will not pay your honest debt now to the paper? Brethren you ought to be ashamed of yourselves!" Several

other brethren speak, and Bro. Farish says he could speak by the square mile on this subject. Brother Cochran comes to the platform and asks for all the pastors "who will make an honest effort during the year to put the paper in the homes of all our people;" to stand up. Nearly everybody in the house rises. Bro. Lomax is lifted upon the platform and says "Listen at me for two minutes, I used to take 22 papers; but I have dropped some of them. I have put THE BAPTIST into every Baptist home in Batesville, except one; now if any of you can beat that stand up. Pastors can greatly help the paper by writing to the editor and tell him of those who will not pay for it, and to stop it before they get so far in debt. Now you pastors who are busy, take on a little work in this direction."

By special request Dr. Eaton speaks—rapidly? Yes; how rapidly! "Dudley Wamer traveled all over this country and says he found many people who would not take a paper; but he never found a man who did not know how to run a paper. Every body knows just how to run a paper except the editor. A pastor can well afford to get a number of his leading members together and all of them chip in and send the paper to those who do not take it. Don't fail to give your editor your confidence and support. Don't get mad with your editor."

The State Mission Board can use THE BAPTIST in your State work; by subscribing for the paper and sending it to where it is not taken. Strengthen the hands of your editor. As to the question how to deal with those who do not pay for it, I am reminded of the man who went into a hollow log to get out of the rain; the log swelled up and he could not get out, but when he happened to think of his debt to his paper, it made him feel so little that he just rolled out.

After this stirring speech, and announcements, the Convention adjourns until 8 o'clock.

Promptly at the hour President Sproles calls the body to order, Dr. J. H. Gambrell leading in prayer. The regular order for the evening is the report on

Home Missions.

W. A. McComb reads the report. The field of the Board's operation is all the Southern States, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Cuba, the Isle of the Pines and Panama—a marvelously great and important field. The report recommends that Mississippi raise \$13,000 during the next year—the amount raised this year was \$8,000. McComb makes a most enthusiastic, stirring speech backing up his report, at the close of which a call for "Gray, Gray;" comes from all over the house.

Gray At Home.

He says it has been 12 years since he was present at the Mississippi Convention. When he was among us, he never missed a meeting. His opening remarks concerning his native State are most beautifully pa-

thetic. After indulging a few pleasantries he pitches his speech on a high scale, and launches out into the discussion in a masterly style. You can see at once that he thoroughly grasps the magnitude of the situation. The best people of earth are here in this Southland. We hold the great doctrines with a firmer hand than any people of all the world. The unity of spirit among our people is most beautiful. No Board of our Southern Baptist Convention is more difficult. The Home Mission Board Secretary is required to visit all the States in their Convention, and then go and look over the fields, and see how the missionaries do. Then the co-operative work that links us with the work of all our State Boards, requires much attention from the Secretary. The work the wide world over is one, but requires difference in method of administration. I lift my hat, bow my head to the man who goes to the regions beyond the seas, sacrificing home, kindred and native land; but, at the same time, out in the west, in his dug-out, in his tent, in his adobe house, the Home Missionary himself makes something of a sacrifice—indeed he does! His description of Cuba and his trip across the Gulf Stream—which stream is far better to read about than to ride on—is rich beyond comparison, and convulses the Convention with laughter long and loud. The work in Cuba enjoys greater prosperity than ever before. Texas was saved to the Baptists by the Home Mission Board. The perilous situation in your own beautiful capital city was saved and made gloriously successful by the help of the Home Board. Time would fail me to tell of the thousand other places that have been made to blossom and bloom like the rose. I do not believe it is unpardonable for us to love a land so fair as ours is. It is with us as in ancient Rome. A great growing cause came in the Forum, and they cast in their jewels and precious gifts many and long, but it would not close. They consulted the soothsayers and were told when the most precious thing of Rome was cast therein. The most precious thing to Rome was her noble young men, and when the noblest of these had thrown themselves into its yawning depths, it closed. So will it be here in our land. This great gulf of sin into which our people have fallen cannot be filled until our noblest men and women have gone down into a living sacrifice for God.

After giving the Kentucky bridge illustrations, given in our report of his great Nashville speech, he closes with this fine illustration: Some three or four years ago, I was going up to Danville, Ky., to preach and found that we were side-tracked for a good while. I asked the conductor what was the matter? He said the Prince is coming. What Prince? Prince Henry of Germany, and he has the right of way all down the line, and all trains are side-tracked. Oh! brethren, let's give the right of way to the Prince of Peace, for he is coming this way. All hail to the Prince of Peace! But this writer is too weary of

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mind and hand to do the slightest justice to this masterful address. Surely, Gray is a past-master in the art of public speaking—earnest, scholarly, humorous, chaste, eloquent and even grand to the point of sublimity in some of his conception and flights. After announcements, the Convention adjourns.

Last Day.

Devotional exercises conducted by Pastor Hudson of West Point, Brethren Lusk and Williams leading in prayer. H. C. Rosamond reads and speaks to the report on Sunday Schools and Young Peoples Work. He recites the often recited fact that even in this day not half of our white Baptist churches in Mississippi have schools. There are 1,308 churches, 605 schools, which leaves 703 churches with no schools; if so, they can not be heard from by our energetic statistical secretary, or anybody else. What a shame that such is the fact in Mississippi!

Dr. Van Ness, representing the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. says that the Board contemplates giving a "catechism" in connection with each lesson in the future and also a course in Christian doctrine. Brother Byrd, our Sunday School Field man, speaks of the importance of teacher training. Pastor Lyon thinks it the most important position of the churches in the future.

Foreign Missions.

Brother Yarbrough reads and speaks to the report on Foreign Missions. Brother J. F. Ray, soon to go to Persia, as our first missionary in those parts, speaks some words in the nature of a "farewell." Brother McMillin, as a former pastor, under whom Ray was converted, speaks of his conversion, piety and worth. Brother Kimbrough speaks of his school life, of his honest and efficient work, of his never having failed on a recitation or in an examination. By special request, his former pastor, McMillin, leads in prayer for his safe arrival in Persia, his protection from disease, prosperity in the work, for his mother who gives him to the work and for more men and women to go from Mississippi to the foreign fields. The balance of the time is given to Assistant Secretary Bomar. He calls the roll of those who have gone out from Mississippi. The cry all along through the years has been for money to send out the men; and now we have need to pray the Lord to send out men. If Mississippi would resolve to send out 25 new men to the foreign field this year, the money would be forthcoming to pay their way. He urges the pastors to not only "take a collection" for foreign missions but that we "glean" the field until every member of every church has had the opportunity to make a contribution.

In the absence of Treasurer Leavell, Secretary Rowe reads his report which shows the amount given to State Missions to be \$20,289.28, leaving a balance on hand of \$7,000—more than we used to give all missions. The total amount received for all purposes during the year is \$75,606 23.

At the beginning of the year we started out through the churches to raise \$50,000 for all missions and we have received \$51,000.

Dr. George B. Eager, an old Mississippi boy, now professor in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, speaks for that institution some words of splendid eulogy of the other members of the faculty. He shows that, while they are equipped to give instruction in the broadest, deepest culture, they are also giving splendid help to men who have been called later in life into the ministry, 50 of whom they had last year. He closes by taking a subscription of a little over \$535 for the Seminary Student fund.

Convention adjourns until 2 o'clock.

Again promptly at the minute the president's gavel falls, and the

Last Session

of this truly great and glorious Convention is begun. Pastor McMillin conducted devotional exercises. It is evident that many delegates went away on the noon trains. The special order for this hour is the report on Sustentation, or condition and needs of our old, worn out preachers, and their widows. \$1,500 have been contributed during the year, which is not enough to fill all the needs. Brother Hill asks Dr. Venable to make his speech, as he himself is not well, who says if there is anything in all the world that ought to be levied upon our hearts and inspire us to greater liberality it does seem that the support of our old preachers is that thing. A "bounty-fund" would compost more with the feeling we ought to entertain toward these old brethren, than "sustentation," which is a mere pittance, enough perhaps to help them eke out a miserable existence. These old men were men of their time, they were great men, who went up and down this country preaching the gospel, and the people gave them large hearing. The subject is closed by a cash collection of \$40.

The next order of business is the report on

Obituaries

which is read by Brother O. D. Bowen. There were only four preachers who have passed away during the year—V. H. Nelson, Carrollton; G. W. Smith, Vanleet; J. T. Graham and L. P. Cassett—these are all the names that could be ascertained, there might be others. We are prone to dwell too much upon our loss, and not enough upon their gain in the departure of our loved ones—our loss being their gain.

Young Ladies at the I. I. & C.

Bro. A. J. Miller makes some interesting remarks concerning the religious work of the Baptist girls of the I. I. & C. located at Columbus. They attend church, conduct their own missionary society, have their own Baptist literature for their classes in the Sunday School and take great interest in their Y. W. C. Association. Their contribution to Foreign Mis-

sions during the session just closed amounted to \$79.

Dr. John H. Eager, another old Mississippi boy—and brother of "Dr. George" and "Prof. Pat"—the financial agent of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, speaks by special permission, telling of the progress of that noble institution toward greatly increased endowment.

Voted Down.

A resolution introduced by W. P. Price, suggesting that the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage be careful ("go slow") in their efforts "to establish public school instruction for the children" of the Orphanage, lest they violate a principle dearer to our fathers than life itself—which principle caused them to protest most strenuously against the use of State money for any and all denominational or church purposes—is tabled, which calls up Dr. Eager's quotation of the English statement: "What we need is a Baptist conscience!" The unfinished report on the Orphanage is read by Bro. Lewis and passed without further discussion.

Brother Kincannon reads the report on

Temperance.

and by special call Bro. Lomax speaks in his characteristic way to the report. He urges that we be not discouraged because blind tigers do sometimes and in some places abound. Other laws are violated and will continue to be, and so will this law against the sale of intoxicants. No man can be a good, patriotic citizen, and patronize blind tigers, or swear lies in their interest. President B. G. Lowrey is called for, but owing to the lateness of the hour, makes only a statement. Dr. John L. Johnson says that he wants to finish Bro. Lomax's speech by saying that no man can be a mason and sell whisky. Bro. Farish says whisky has saved a great many lives, in the same way that the small boy said that pins had saved lives—by not swallowing them or it.

Dr. Searcy reads the report on Nominations, which with the exception of those who have passed away, are just about the same as heretofore, so far as the trustworthiness of the college, the Orphanage, and the Convention Board are concerned. Tupelo is nominated as the place of meeting, J. E. Thigpen of Magnolia, to preach the sermon with W. A. McComb as alternate. Dr. Venable moves to substitute Meridian for Tupelo. Pastor Williams moves to amend the amendment. A number of brethren want to speak, some do speak. The amendment to the amendment fails and on the second vote Meridian loses out and Tupelo is chosen.

President Sproles announces R. A. Venable, P. I. Lipsey and B. G. Lowrey as the special committee to co-operate with the Board of Trustees of Mississippi College in planning for the campaign two years hence to raise \$100,000 to improve the buildings and plant of Mississippi College. Bro. W. C. Grace leads in closing prayer and President Sproles says, "the Convention is adjourned"—and thus passes into history one of the greatest Conventions

Mississippi Baptists ever held.

Pastor Trotter and his noble people did the honors nobly. He was everywhere, the servant of all, smiling, laughing, talking all the time, and did not lose his good behavior one minute, and all who went returned saying: "Well done Hattiesburg!"

W. P. P.

The Great Confession.

BY R. S. GAVIN.

I am about to give an interpretation of a Scripture that has been much fought over. I find the wisest students have differed very widely as to its teaching. In my interpretation I have followed my own heart's inclination. Yet I am sure I am willing for the Bible to mean what it wants to mean. I do not send this forth in a dogmatic way. Indeed it is not intended as an exhibition of scholarship at all.

Teacher: "Who do men say that I am?"

Answer: "Some, John the Baptist," etc.

Teacher: "Who do you say I am?"

Peter: "The Christ, the Son of God."

Teacher: "Happy man, thou art, Simon. Your confession is not the result of research. God gave it to you."

And then, as the Great Teacher unfolded to His class the significance of the great confession, He gave utterance to the words under consideration.

"Simon, I have already given to you the name 'Petros,'—masculine Greek, for Peter."

"And on this Rock I will build my Church." Two questions: What did the Teacher mean by "this rock"? and, what did he mean by "my church"? 1st. The Greek has it "Petra," feminine, this time, and I think he meant at that confession that Peter had just made. 2nd. And by "church," He meant what is commonly understood by "the kingdom of Heaven" on earth. John the Baptist announced that it was at hand; and Christ said that men were pressing into it. But there is but one way by which man gets into it, and that is by a confession in the heart, that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he who thus confesses Him, is, like Peter, a happy man,—happy because Hades, that fell destroyer of all that pertains to the Adam-life, is powerless to bring him within the sweep of its merciless gates. It is the same doctrine that Paul emphasized when he declared that nothing in earth or hell, can separate the chosen in the Lord from Him who chose them. It is the blessed doctrine of assurance. I like it. It is that which vanquishes doubts with, "I know in whom I have believed!"

But while confessing Christ gets a man into the church invisible, or, if you prefer it, into the kingdom of heaven, yet it is not right for the man to stop there. The Lord did not intend that he should stop there. To confess Christ in the heart is the first step; and the second is like it, to wit: Confess Him before men. But the Bible knows but one way to confess Christ before men, and that is by baptism. It so happens, then, that as fast as

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they confess Christ in the heart, they "press" into the church invisible; and as fast as they confess Him before men, they press into the church visible. My conception, then, of a church is that it is a body of baptized believers; that is, a body of men and women who have not only confessed Christ in the heart, but have also confessed Him before men.

And what did the Lord mean by telling Peter that He would give to him the keys to the kingdom of heaven? I think He meant, that it takes a confession in the heart to get a man into the invisible kingdom, so it takes a confession before men to get him into the visible king. And what was entrusted to Peter and the rest, is but the faith and practice the Baptists still hold, namely: He who believes ought to be baptized, and, after his baptism obtains, he is a member, as much so as one who has been a member for fifty years. Indeed it was another way to say to the Apostles that a personal confession of Christ is the essential thing, and that fact should be their rule of conduct in bringing men into the churches. It is so, still, bless the Lord!

But the Lord went a step further, and said to Peter that his conduct in regard to the work entrusted to him and the rest, would be ratified in Heaven. And, why not? Later on He told them the Spirit would guide them into all truth. And why should it be thought a thing incredible, when this embryonic work of the establishment of the churches was going on, that the Spirit should specially direct, so that even, though one should perchance be baptized, as was Simon Magus, it would develop in due time that he had never confessed Christ in the heart, and, of right, ought to be "loosed?"

To my mind this is Baptist doctrine, pure and simple, and the Roman Catholics have had to resort to some very bad exegesis to make it serve their purposes.

Bessemer, Ala.

Concerning the Negro Work.

A few words to the brethren concerning the work entrusted to me. As announced by Dr. Gray, I have become Field Secretary of the Home Mission Board. While it is contemplated that the Field Secretary shall supplement the efforts of Dr. Gray and advance the general interests of Home Missions in every way possible, his work is to have special reference to the larger efforts for the evangelization of the negroes. He comes to this work with confidence as to its fruitfulness and as to the support that he is to receive from his brethren, who have always been untiring in their kindness to him personally and in their loyalty to every interest committed to him.

There are some things on which all of us are well agreed. One is, that our negro brethren have made very gratifying progress in their religious and church life. In the language of Dr. Broadus, at Nashville in 1893, "The negro has done a great deal better than we might have expected under all of the circumstances." So true is this that a good brother recently cited the character of the negro ministry, the quality of the negro meeting houses, and the state of the negro churches of his town as in his mind good and sufficient reasons why we ought not to undertake further help to the negro. There are many conspicuous examples of the negro's decided advancement in every phase of life, industrial, intellectual, and religious. But over against this is the second fact on which all thoughtful men must agree. Our "brother in black" is yet in great need of the most intelligent and sympathetic help from us who in many ways have been more favored than he. No thoughtful person will allow the conspicuous examples of the negro's progress to obscure the fact that, in the great mass of negroes, hundreds of thousands are yet unchristianized, and that of the negro Christians hundreds of thousands are yet far below the plane of intelligent well rounded Christian character. The lost among them must be saved, and the saved must be cultured and developed in Christian character. A third thing that is manifest is, that owing to civic and industrial conditions past and present, this work is attended by some difficulty, such difficulty, perhaps, as does not attend any other phase of Christian missions as conducted by Southern Baptists. But loyal Christians particularly loyal Baptists, do not allow difficulties to deter them from doing their Master's expressed will. And in this work, whatever the difficulty our orders are imperative; our duty plain.

It is the purpose of the Board to move as discretely and wisely as the Lord shall enable us to do. The plan of work will in a general way embody the following points: (1) The effort will be limited to evangelization in distinction to education, leaving education to the Home Mission Society of New York, which has done and is now doing so important and fruitful work in that field. (2) The work will be done through well equipped pious negro preachers, in whose support our white brethren will share with the negro brethren. (3) Bible conferences will be held in which the best available talent both white and black will be brought under tribute for the benefit both of negro preachers and laymen. (4) It is hoped that the work may ultimately result in a closer and more sympathetic relation between the white and negro pastors, and the white and negro churches in each community.

While the work may be broadly outlined as above, plans for so important a work cannot be wrought out in detail in a day. We are thinking and praying and counseling with our brethren. We shall move forward as the Lord may be pleased to give light and leading. The Board and the secretary will welcome any suggestion that any brother has to make. Such communications may be addressed to me at Little Rock, Ark., and shall receive careful and respectful consideration. The secretary will visit, not only the meetings of the white brethren both local and general that he may put the work on their hearts, but also the negro meetings so that he may do directly a work among them, and also in-

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cidently, that he may be able to give intelligent advice about the selection of missionaries.

Personally I may say that my acquaintance and relation with the leading negro Baptists, both in my own state and in the National Baptist Convention are close and intimate, such I feel sure, as to guarantee to me the fullest co operation and support from the negroes. This, I take it, will be a point of vantage ground. From my white brethren I am sure I may expect untiring sympathy and support as we move forward planning and prosecuting this delicate work as the Lord shall lead us. From time to time both through the Baptist press and by personal visits and words of mouth I shall hope to communicate with the brethren concerning the work and to lay the burden of it upon their hearts as the Lord shall lay it upon my own and shall give me grace and power to do.

A. J. BARTON,
Field Secretary.

Little Rock, Ark.

Biographical Sketch of Rev. Ervin F. Lyon, Pastor of the Wall Street Baptist Church, Natchez, Mississippi.

PREPARED BY W. A. MCCOMB.

Ervin F. Lyon was born in Saline county, Missouri. Was reared on a farm, doing manual labor from the time he was old enough to begin, till he was twenty years old. He attended the common schools during a part of the winter months, but never succeeded in attending regularly at any time, owing to duties on the farm demanding his attention. He took a three years course in Robbin's College at Sedalia, Mo. Most of the time he was there he had to do work outside of school hours to pay his board. Next, he taught three years in the public schools of Missouri, and was one of the instructors one year in the Teachers' Normal Institute, held during the summer. He went to Indianapolis, Ind., in 1893, where he taught in a commercial college for one year and two months. While in Indianapolis he united with the First Baptist Church of that city and was baptized January 28, 1894, by W. F. Taylor. From there he went to Columbus, Ohio, for a special course in Zanerian Art College, a school of pen art, and he holds two diplomas from that school. From Columbus he went to New Orleans, La., where for two years he taught in the University School and Classical Institute, preparing boys for college. He was licensed to preach by the Valence Street Baptist Church of New Orleans, June 5, 1895, and ordained by same church, June 14, 1896. He entered the Seminary at Louisville in October of the same year, where he remained for the full course and graduated in 1899 with the Th.M. degree. He supplied for Coliseum Church, New Orleans, during summer of 1897 while the pastor was in Europe. After graduating at the Seminary he was called to churches at Norwood and Jackson, La., for half time at each place. The Norwood work soon demanded full

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time. The membership was increased from 23 to 62 during his pastorate, and all were added by baptism except two. The community was strongly pedobaptist, but the church forged to the front. The church was repaired, study added, and oak furniture put in, pastor's home bought and paid for, and missionary activity aroused. When he left for Natchez the Norwood church was the banner church in Louisiana per capita for missions. He was married November 14, 1900, to Miss Mary Perkins, of Norwood.

He became pastor of the Wall Street Baptist Church, of Natchez, January 1st, 1904. While having been there only a few months, yet he has a firm hold upon the work. He is already planning for enlarging the work and opening mission stations in other parts of the city.

While giving his time principally to the pastorate, yet he has conducted some very successful revivals with other pastors.

He has one of the finest libraries of any pastor in the State and is an adept in the use of it.

He is a scholarly, humble, and consecrated man. The Natchez church is most fortunate in securing him as their pastor. Mississippi received in him a splendid acquisition to her large list of noble pastors.

Trip to Alabama.

Have just returned from Carrollton, Ala., where I joined Bro. H. M. Long and his church in revival services. The work began June 12 and closed the night of the 15. The congregations were large every day and night, and I have never had better attention. But my purpose in writing this note is to rejoice the many friends of Pastor H. M. Long who read THE BAPTIST by telling them that Bro. Long is doing a great work in and around Carrollton. He is perfectly restored in health and is strong in faith and courage, and abundant in labors. His wife and two daughters are residing with him in the beautiful pastorium in Carrollton. Bro. Long is held in high esteem by the best people in Pickens county for his courage and consistent cause in the prohibition campaign. The people of Carrollton are a choice generation and treated the evangelist royally in every way.

E. B. MILLER.

Revival in Grenada First Church.

We have just closed a gracious, good meeting of twelve days. Pastor Wm. A. Borum, of Greenville, Miss., preached for us ten days. His work was greatly appreciated, both by our own people and by the other denominations of the town. He is very plain, earnest, consecrated and forceful. He uses familiar Bible instances, and ingeniously draws from them practical, helpful, gospel messages. He presents exacting, elevated standards of Christian life and deals hard blows to popular forms of amusement and dissipation. His methods are those usually employed by our pastors in conducting evangelistic services. We think Bro. Borum one of the efficient

pastor evangelists of the State. We paid him one hundred dollars for his services.

Our church and town have been greatly revived and strengthened by the meeting. We received fifteen members; six by letter and nine by baptism. The converts all come from the Sunday School classes; three boys and six girls. We think our church is taking higher ground week after week and month after month. Since I came here ten months ago we have received forty members, and three times the baptismal waters have been troubled. Our benevolences have revived, our attendance increased and our membership become more active and consecrated.

This is an appreciative people, truly. The pastor's home has undergone repairs, and just recently the ladies have added a bathroom with splendid equipments. The pastor's expenses were paid to the great Southern Convention. Marked kindness and appreciation are everywhere evident.

On the Sunday following the disastrous fire at Yazoo City our church called a union service and citizens' meeting and sent the sufferers four hundred dollars. We are yet to take a special collection to help Bro. Derrick and his people rebuild. We think our prospects are brightening. Give us place in your prayers.

Yours most truly,

WM. F. ROBERTS.

N. B. We join THE BAPTIST in urging that our State Convention be changed to October or November.

R.

From Carrollton, Ala.

Our church here has just closed a gracious meeting with splendid results, in which Evangelist E. B. Miller, of West Point, Miss., did the preaching. The most of THE BAPTIST readers need not be told that he did it well.

It was the first time I had ever had the pleasure of listening to Bro. Miller through so long a series of sermons, and I must say that I have never listened to any that were more thoroughly Scriptural, both from a doctrinal and practical standpoint, than the series he preached here through eleven days' meetings.

The attendance was splendid from start to finish—the attention marked, and the interest inspiring. Among the additions to our church during the meeting are some of the best people of our town.

The coming of Bro. Miller and his labors have already proven an inestimable blessing to both church and pastor, and I believe his preaching will linger as a sweet benediction to our people for many days to come.

Appreciation of his labors among us was expressed in a most liberal, substantial way by our people. We praise the Lord for his coming and the excellent results of the meeting.

H. M. LONG.

Carrollton, Ala., June 23, 1904.

The Batesville church has given her faithful pastor a two months vacation with full salary continued.

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Mississippi Chautauqua, Crystal Springs, Miss.

We take pleasure in calling our readers' attention to the Mississippi Chautauqua Assembly, located at Crystal Springs, which begins its Tenth Annual Session July 17th and closes July 31st.

This is an institution that every Mississippian should feel an interest in and give their loyal support to.

It is the only Chautauqua in the State, and if it continues to grow—and it will if given support by the people—we can soon boast of having the best Chautauqua South of the Ohio river.

A better location could hardly be found. Situated about one half mile from Crystal Springs on one of the highest points in South Mississippi, overlooking a beautiful lake that covers twenty acres or more.

The grounds are sloping and covered with beautiful forest trees. Over one hundred cottages are owned by individuals who go there annually to enjoy the outing and get the benefits of the lectures, etc.

A large auditorium with seating capacity of several thousand; a beautiful hotel managed in a first-class manner; a good restaurant and several boarding houses on the grounds. The program this year is a splendid one. Music, Oratory, Elocution, Science, History, and Humor, are charmingly blended. It is said to be one of the best ever offered by the Assembly. Below is given a partial list of talent:

Jehu DeWitt Miller, Gov. Bob Taylor, Ellsworth Plumstead, Lamar Fontaine, Hon. Frank S. Regan, Booth Lowrey, Edgar M. Wright, Bishop Bratton, Dunbar H. Ogden, Dr. Wm. H. Pilcher and Prof. Robt. Pitard.

The Oratorical Contest between the male colleges of the State will prove interesting as well as the Piano and Elocutionary Contests between the State female colleges. We are informed by the manager that there is a great demand for cottages, rooms and board, and that they will be able to accommodate the large attendance

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that is expected.

It is earnestly hoped by THE BAPTIST that this year will prove a great success and that the Chautauqua will continue to grow and prosper as it so richly deserves.

Event and Comment.

As an advertising scheme Harris Business College is offering a few scholarships at a big bargain. Write them.

Dr. Gray stopped off in Jackson, on his way from Hattiesburg to the Louisiana Convention, and spoke on Home Missions, at the Second Church, to a fine congregation. As a result the Second Church will undertake to furnish one of the chapels in Cuba.

"I shall never cease thanking you for putting these works off on me. The history of Mississippi Baptists is tip-top, and Lowrey's book has almost made me over. Every man on earth needs Lowrey's book, and every Baptist in Mississippi needs the history."

Prof. J. E. Brown is principle of the New Mississippi Heights Academy, which is being built on the hill across the valley east of Blue Mountain College. It will be an ideal two-story brick building, connected with the water works, and well equipped every way. Prof. Brown is a first class school man. Your sons will be safe with him.

The twelfth catalogue of the Poplarville High School has come to our desk. It is well gotten up and presents a school that is instinct with life. We doubt whether there is a school in the State that has made the progress this one has. See the standing advertisement of this splendid High School in another column. For catalogue, address, President W. I. Thames, Poplarville, Miss.

If you are looking for something that in all probability will do you good, turn to the large advertisement of Hillman College and read of her advantages. This old, well-established institution of learning has weathered many a gale and has proved herself worthy of the confidence and patronage of our Baptist people. With each passing session improvements are made in many ways. Write for catalogue to the President, Dr. J. L. Johnson, Clinton, Miss.

The main building of the Methodist Orphanage at Water Valley was consumed by fire on the morning of the 11th inst. All the 105 children were saved unhurt. The loss is possibly \$18,000 with \$7,500 insurance. We extend sympathy to our Methodist brethren in this hour of loss. Of course they will go right to work to raise money for the erection of a new and better building. So in the end no doubt the fire will prove a blessing in disguise.

Evangelist Frank M. Wells (Memphis, Tenn.,) closes his work with the Board

as State evangelist, Missouri, July 15th. He has conducted successful meetings at Hayti, Campbell, Bloomfield and Cape Girardeau, Mo. The meetings for men only Sunday 3 p. m., were the largest ever seen in these cities. By tickets every man in town is invited on Saturday to the meeting on Sunday. They came. The gospel of salvation by grace is preached and many souls have been blessed. After a few days rest at the World's Fair, St. Louis, Bro. Wells begins meetings July 24th with Pastor Z. J. Amerson, Atlanta, Texas.

The Annual Register of Mississippi College has just been laid on our book table. It is neatly gotten up, and contains information that every young man in the State should have. Will not every one who contemplates entering college write at once to President W. T. Lowrey, D. D., for a copy of this catalogue? See the College's large advertisement which is found in THE BAPTIST the year round. This old reliable institution has weathered some of the heaviest gales, having passed through all the vicissitudes which have marked the period from 1826 to 1904. This good old College seems to grow stronger with each passing year.

We call the attention of our readers this week to the fact that J. W. Patton, of this city, bought out the interest of Mr. White in the music business formerly known as Patton & White, some time ago, and will continue same at their old stand in this city. Mr. Patton was the original owner of this business before Mr. White entered it, and is thoroughly acquainted with all its details as well as the wants and requirements of his friends and patrons. We can say without fear of ever having to retract the statement that Mr. Patton will never leave anything undone which will please those who trade with him. We therefore bespeak for him a goodly share of the patronage of our readers. When wanting anything in the music line write to him for catalogues and prices.

Okolona.

Our church work is progressing nicely. We have just painted our parsonage and church, also placing a hot air furnace in the church. Our good brethren saw to it that the pastor had \$42.00 to cover expenses to Southern Baptist Convention, and the good sisters of the church sent my wife to Hattiesburg. A few evenings ago about 25 of these good sisters came in and surprised us with a pound party. So we lived very high for several days thereafter. These folks know how to make it pleasant for a pastor and his wife. The Lord is leading and blessing us.

H. A. SMOOT.

Good Meeting At Ellisville.

I have just closed a fine meeting here. Bro. J. R. Hobbs, pastor of Church in Mt. Sterling, Ky., preached through the meeting to the delight of our people. Brother Hobbs is one of the very best of our young ministers and I predict for him a future of great usefulness. The church here was strengthened and encouraged, and eleven were baptized.

O. D. BOWEN.

Ellisville, Miss., July 5th, 1904

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce

Hon. John Sharp Williams

as a candidate for Representative in the 59th Congress from the Eighth District of Mississippi, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

The Mitchell Wagon Co. presented the Orphanage with a handsome wagon.

Now the Democrats have made their nominations for the first and second places on the national ticket. Judge Alton B. Parker for the first and Davis for the second.

Try one of Brown Bros. Columbus Buggies.

Several of our convention folks went on the excursion on last Saturday to Gulfport.

Order your buggy from Brown Bros.

Some of the large mills and many of the small ones have closed down for a while. Several are running only part time. They are waiting to see who is going to be President.

Brown Bros. sell Columbus Buggies, Chattanooga, Weber, and Mitchell Wagons, and all kinds of Harness.

The work of improving the capital grounds is going on nicely.

Healing Institute, 206 East Capitol Street, Jackson, Miss.

JESSE R. JONES, M. D., Proprietor.

Three classes of patients come to us for treatment.

1st. Those who unreservedly and without mental reservation or secret evasion of mind whatever, resolve to persistently and determinedly continue until discharged.

2nd. Those who visit, prevaricate and hold back for awhile. They take some treatment and then drop off. We don't know they have quit until we hear it from some other source.

3rd. These hold back scarcely expecting to be benefited, quit without even a chance for a cure and probably write to say they believe they will visit a watering place, submit to an operation, or try a change of climate, etc. They usually, however, quit without notification.

The first class get cured almost always speedily, thank us for our services, and send us other patients.

The second class frequently get cured because the cause of their troubles have been removed, but give us no credit for it because reaction does not always take place at once after the removal of the cause.

Those composing the third class almost never get well and fly from one thing to another until Consumption, Bright's Disease, Chronic Diarrhea, Cancer, Apoplexy or something equally as fatal puts them in their graves.

We have witnessed this for years and know whereof we speak.

Determined, if possible, to have none other than those of the first class, we make our terms cash, to prevent those of the second and third classes from engaging with us.

We become attached to our patients and it is so unpleasant to have them leave our treatments before they get well. While we have not the time or ability to visit as formerly, we are continuing to prepare for the treatment of the sick.

In addition to the \$2000.00 added to the Healing Institute Building a few months ago we are now making improvements to the amount of \$2500.00 more.

While it is true that all diseases are curable, neglected cases require time; and when from injuries or other cause the cure is slow or a perfect cure impracticable, the condition of the worst cases may be made at least endurable.

And remember the healing process continues after successful treatments indefinitely. And after such is the time for change of climate, watering places, elec-

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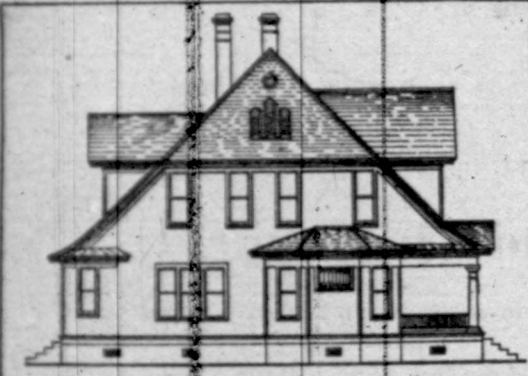
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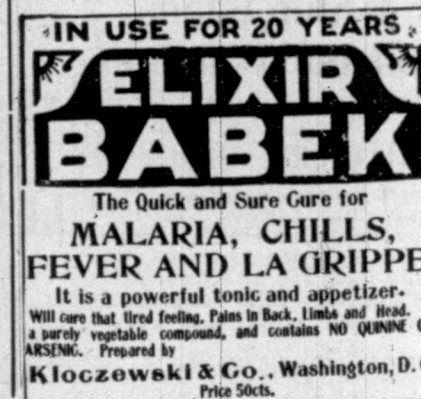
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Deaths.

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Mrs. Annie Coleman.

Mrs. Annie Coleman, age 80 last December, died at her home in Aberdeen, Miss., June 28th, 1904, at 5 p. m. Sister Coleman had been a member of the Baptist church for 65 years. She, in her lingering upon the brink, talked and sang sweetly of her home beyond the skies.

A. J. BROWN.

July 6th, 1904.

Mrs. J. M. Buchanan.

Died, at her home six miles east of Brandon, June 25th, Mrs. J. M. Buchanan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Robbins. She was, from childhood, a member of New Prospect Baptist Church. She leaves a husband, mother, father, two brothers and three sisters to mourn her loss. Sleep on, sweet sister, for

"There is no death—
What seems so is transition;
And this life of mortal breath
Is but the suburb of 'Elysian.'"

HER SISTER.

Asleep in Jesus.

On June 6, 1904. The Lord in His wisdom saw fit to visit the home of Brother and Sister S. F. Potts, of Walker's Bridge, and opened the door of welcome to little "Jesse Lee," aged 10 months and 4 days. Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven. To the bereaved family and relatives I would say let's be prepared, as the good talent keeper, to surrender that which the Lord hath given us with usury. Grieve not today but for tomorrow prepare. Remember thy Creator and honor Him with prayer.

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Mrs. Mary Ann Frances Pickle.

Mrs. Mary Ann Frances Pickle, wife of P. M. Pickle, and a member of Aberdeen Baptist Church, died in the early part of June, 1904; born in Bedford county, Tennessee; joined the Baptist church in 1858. Sister Pickle lived up to what she professed, raised a large family, all of whom belong to the church, and we believe are living with bright hopes of meeting mother in the sweet bye and bye. May God bless the husband and children with a union where there is no parting, and joys evermore.

A. J. BROWN.

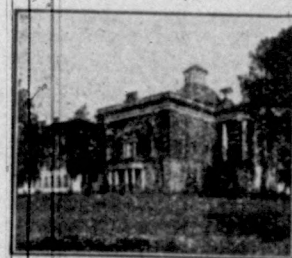
Mrs. Edner Watts.

Mrs. Edner Watts, wife of France Watts, Jr., departed this life June 21st, 1904, after several months of untold suffering. Edner lived a consistent member of the church about ten years, uniting with Salem Baptist church, and after she married moved her membership to New Hope, and died in fellowship with this body. Her faith was strong in the Lord and comforted her through her suffering and in death. She was a devoted wife and a loving mother. She leaves a husband and four little children to mourn her loss. Edner died at the age of 26 years, 4 months and 21 days. God bless her children.

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Program.

July, 1904.

Programs are suggestive. The introduction of other features, selection of additional hymns, subjects of prayer, etc., are left with the Society.
Subject: Fields and Forces of the Home Board.

1. Nuggets of Thought for Leader from Secretary of the H. M. Board, Dr. B. D. Gray: The immediate sphere of our activities is our own dear home land, but our ultimate aim is the world for Christ and Christ for the world. "Immigration during the past year nearly reached a million—and still they come." "The Board considers none of its obligations as superior to the Negro work." "13 Mountain Schools with an enrollment of 2,075 students were aided last year." "At least 40 churches in Oklahoma alone asked help in Church Building last year." "At every place in Cuba, our great need is a house of worship."
2. The Individual Life a Force—Matt. 5:13-16; Luke 9:23; Phil. 3:13-14; Gal. 6:14; 1 Cor. 2:2.
3. Sentence Prayers of Petition that the new Conventional year may be the best in the history of the Home Board.
4. Missionary Camps—Divide the Society into groups called the Frontier Camp, the Colored Camp, the Cuban Camp, the Foreign Camp. Group the chairs together in circles if possible each camp to have guns, the "guns" being "items" in "Catechism on Home Mission Work."
5. Financial and Other Forces of Home Board 1903-1904—Total Receipts, \$133,955. W. M. U. contributed in cash \$24,869, an increase of \$5,574 over last year. Box valuation \$38,362, increase of \$6,442. Much of Home Missionaries' work cannot be tabulated but 7,526 were baptized. "Our Home Field," a force-carrying information to 10,000 subscribers and others.
6. Open Parliament, bringing forth special lines of work through which W. M. U. is a force of the Home Board. (See Recommendations H. B.)
7. Prayer that the \$20,000 for the Tichenor Memorial of the Church Building Loan Fund may be speedily raised and become a mighty force for permanent work.

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8. Business, Collection, etc.
9. Narrative Leaflet—"He That Provideth Not For His Own"—A Home Mission Story, by Rev. J. K. Wilson, D. D.

Recommendations of Home Mission Board, S. B. C.

PRESENTED AND ADOPTED AT ANNUAL MEETING, WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, NASHVILLE, TENN., MAY 8TH, 1904.

The fidelity and efficiency of the Woman's Missionary Union are joyfully recognized by the Home Mission Board. We greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior and beg your hearty cooperation as we enter upon the work of 1904-5. As indicating the lines along which you can render us the greatest help, we submit the following recommendations:

First. That the dissemination of literature be given special emphasis. Our people need information. Books, tracts and leaflets ought to be put into the hands of our people. Our Home Field has been doubled in size, though the price remains the same, only ten cents a year. We ask your help in extending the circulation. For three months we have averaged over one thousand new subscribers a month. Help us to continue that rate for the entire year.

Second. The Completion of the Tichenor Memorial. Grati-fying results have attended your efforts in behalf of this beautiful memorial and we beg that the work be continued until the \$20,000 is secured. Nothing is more needed by our Board than a great Building and Loan Fund, of which the Tichenor Memorial

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Fourth. The Need of More Women Missionaries. The demand for additional female missionaries is great. In the mines, the mills and the cities, the call for such workers is imperative. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send them and give us the money to support them. During the present year the Board has twenty women missionaries in Cuba and the United States. Let us increase that number materially.

Fifth. The Week of Prayer and Special Effort for Home Missions has been a benediction indeed. From every quarter have come glorious tidings of its unifying, uplifting power in the spiritual life of our women. A new vision of better things has come into the lives of hun-

dreds and thousands and the gifts to our Home Board have been most gratifying. By all means let our women share the blessings of this gracious season and lay their special gifts on the Lord's altar.

Sixth. We commend to you most earnestly and affectionately the training of our children and young people in the great work of Missions. They are our hope for the future. From them must come in the next generation the workers and their support for our own land and other lands. We recommend that their energies be turned to the raising of money for the support of our schools in the mountains and in Cuba.

Seventh. Following the above recommendations and to meet the demands of our great work, we beg that you will raise fifty thousand dollars for Home Missions during the year 1904-5. The need for distinct and immediate enlargement of our gifts is painfully urgent. If this amount can be apportioned among the different States and in turn among the District Associations and the local Societies and its

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We have every reason to thank God for His remarkable favor upon our Home Mission Board. On every hand the work has been prospered and for much of this prosperity large credit is due the Woman's Missionary Union. May the blessings of God and the guidance of His Spirit be given you for the larger plans for the coming year.

To the Baptist Women of the South.

DEAR SISTERS:

You have a stirring topic for July, "Fields and Forces of the Home Board." That brings to view work and workers in our Southland. This great homeland must be evangelized, must be made more vitally Christian. Self-preservation calls for this; moreover, if we neglect this field we not only are guilty of denominational suicide here at home, but utterly paralyze the work of giving the Gospel to all the world.

The Woman's Missionary Union at Nashville most heartily adopted the recommendations of the Home Board as to the work for the new year. May the Lord lead you in your great forward movement. Your work was signally blessed of God last

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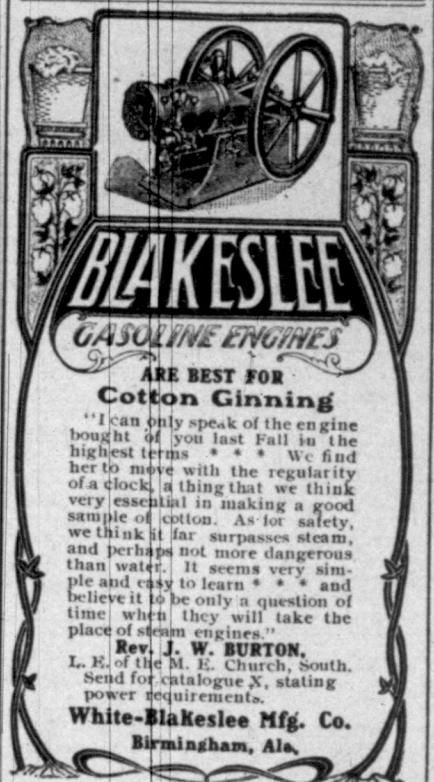
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NOEL SAYS he doesn't want your money unless Vitæ-Ore benefits you. NOEL is old enough to know what he wants. NOEL SAYS that the Theo. Noel Company has instructions to send a full-sized one dollar package on thirty days' trial to every sick or ailing reader of THE BAPTIST who requests it, the receiver to be the judge, and not to pay one cent unless satisfied. NOEL is the president and principal stockholder of the Theo. Noel Company; what HE says goes. Here is his signature on it:

Theo. Noel

This offer will challenge the attention and consideration, and afterward the gratitude of every living person who desires better health or who suffers pains, ills, and diseases which have defied the medical world and grown worse with age. We care not for your skepticism, but ask only your investigation, and at our expense, regardless of what ills you have, by sending to us for a package. Address

NOT NEW, BUT TRUE

DANIEL WEBSTER once said about a certain political proposition: "There are lots of new things about it and lots of true things, but the trouble is that the new things are not true and the true things are not new."

Thirty Days' Trial—the Proprietors take all the risk—you have nothing to lose! You are to be the Judge.

You have seen it before—all of you have. It has appeared in this paper a dozen times a year for a number of years. You have all seen it, even though you may not have answered it. It is not new, but it is all true. You have but to write, to send for it, to direct that it be sent to you—and it is sent to you. No questions, no quibbling, no money. If you want to pay for it, all right. If you don't, you don't have to. Enough are satisfied, enough want to pay, enough do pay to make it pay the advertiser, to make its fame grow from year to year like a green-bay tree, and it is because it is all true. The claims for Vitæ-Ore are not new, but they are all true. Your fellow readers who have sent for a package and tested it have proven this. Its history is an open book that all my read, and all will find it all true.

If you are sick and ailing, no matter what the trouble may be, if you need help, if you want help, here is the help for you. How can you, in justice to yourself and your family, your friends, and those around you, refuse to accept? How can you refuse to be helped to the help you want? Remember, we take all the risk! You are to be the judge. IT IS ALL TRUE!

Sent on Thirty Days' Trial. Read This Special Offer.

WE WILL SEND to every worthy sick and ailing person who writes us, mentioning THE BAPTIST, a full-sized \$1.00 package of VITÆ-ORE, by mail, POSTPAID, sufficient for one month's treatment, to be paid for within one month's time after receipt, if the receiver can truthfully say that its use has done him or her more good than all the drugs and doses of quacks or good doctors or patent medicines he or she has ever used. Read this over again, carefully, and understand that we ask our pay only when it has done you good, and not before. We take all the risk, you have nothing to lose. If it does not benefit you, you pay us nothing. We give you thirty days' time to try the medicine, thirty days to see results before you need pay us one cent, and you need not pay us the one cent unless you do see the results. You are to be the judge! We know that when this month's treatment of VITÆ-ORE has either cured you or put you on the road to a cure, you will be more than willing to pay. We know Vitæ-Ore, and are willing to take the risk.

Not a Penny Unless Benefited.

What Vitæ-Ore Is:

Vitæ-Ore is a natural, hard, adamant, rock-like substance—mineral—Ore—mined from the ground like gold and silver in the neighborhood of a once powerful but now extinct mineral spring. It requires twenty years for oxidation by exposure to the air, when it sticks down like lime, and is then of medicinal value. It contains free iron, free sulphur, and free magnesium, three properties which are most essential for the retention of health in the human system, and one package—one ounce of the ORE, when mixed with a quart of water, will equal in medicinal strength and curative value 800 gallons of the most powerful mineral water drunk fresh from the springs. It is a geological discovery, in which there is nothing added or taken from. It is the marvel of the century for curing such diseases as Rheumatism, Bright's Disease, Blood Poisoning, Heart Trouble, Dropsy, Catarrh and Throat Affections, Liver, Kidney and Bladder Ailments, Stomach and Female Disorders, Lagrippe, Malarial Fever, Nervous Prostration and General Debility, as thousands testify, and as no one, answering this, writing for a package, will deny after using. VITÆ-ORE has cured more chronic, obstinate, pronounced incurable cases than any other known medicine, and will reach such cases with a more rapid and powerful curative action than any medicine, combination of medicines, or doctor's prescriptions which it is possible to procure.

Vitæ-Ore will do the same for you as it has for hundreds of readers of THE BAPTIST, if you will give it a trial. Send for a \$1 package at our risk. You have nothing to lose but the stamp to answer this announcement. We want no one's money whom Vitæ-Ore cannot benefit.

Trial Package Entirely Cured.

I cannot express my gratitude for the great and lasting good that Vitæ-Ore has done me. I had been taking medicine ever since October, 1902, when I was first stricken down with my disease, a complication of Liver, Kidney and Bladder disorders. I took several different kinds of patent medicines, but none of them did me any good. My husband then called a doctor. He came a few times and then dismissed the case. He then



called in two more doctors, the best this country affords, and one of them treated me two or three months, but he only gave me temporary relief. I dragged along all last year, never feeling like myself. In the fall I grew worse and again went to my physician and he treated me about eight weeks. I was almost ready to give up. I did not know how near death's door I was until a neighbor told me after I began to get better. Some one of our neighbors advised us to send for some Vitæ-Ore on trial, but I told my husband not to bother with it, as I thought nothing could help me. He sent for the treatment without my consent, and I now consider it the greatest favor he ever did for me. One month's trial package has saved my life. I think I can safely say that I would have been in my grave today had it not been for this Vitæ-Ore. I have only taken the one trial package, but I feel that I am entirely well. When I commenced its use I weighed 98 pounds, but now in only five weeks' time I weigh 110 pounds. I would not give this medicine for all the medicine in the world, and I am not ashamed to let the world know what I have to say about Vitæ-Ore. I am willing to do all I can to help its cause.

MRS. J. F. MORRIS, Stevens, Tex.

Afflicted for Twelve Years.

I have been afflicted for about twelve years with a serious Kidney trouble, which was at times so bad that my urine would be thick with blood and phosphate. I tried several doctors, as well as every patent medicine recommended for trouble of this nature, but found absolutely no relief. I also took treatment at different times from three well-known specialists without any benefit.



At last I decided to quit fooling with medicines, feeling that nothing could do me any good, and it was at this time that I read the Vitæ-Ore advertisement, offering to send a package of Vitæ-Ore on thirty days' trial. The offer seemed so fair that I could not do otherwise than send for a package with at least the hope that it might be the remedy and treatment which I was looking for. It not require more than one week's use of Vitæ-Ore to make me well satisfied with it and to prove to me that it would do all that was claimed for it. I have now taken it for a period of six weeks' time and am getting better every day. I have gained over twelve pounds in weight during this time, and feel as vigorous and hearty as I did 20 years ago, although I am now 54 years old. I feel as though I have a new lease on my life, and would advise and urge every one afflicted as I was to give Vitæ-Ore a fair trial.

W. R. KEY, Moultrie, Ga.

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